



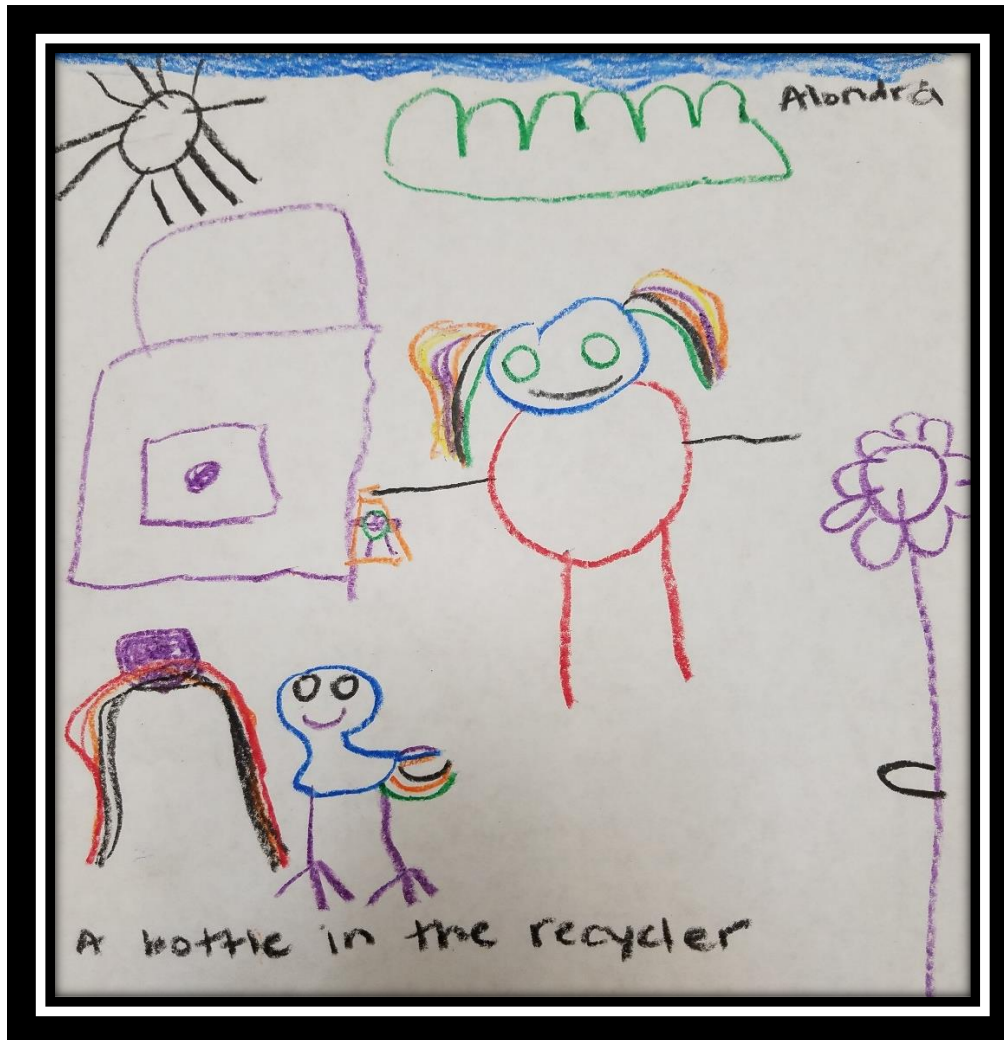
Colusa County Office of Education

Children's Services

345 5th Street, Colusa, CA 95932

2016-2017

Head Start Annual Report



"Promoting School Readiness within the earliest years."

"We love taking our 14 month old daughter to the center. She is always happy and the staff make it easier to leave her at just 2 months."

"The program is great and teachers are really nice! My son loves it!"

"This program has helped our family out so much. Not only are we able to work but we know our kids are in good hands and they are learning so much while in school benefits the whole family."

Colusa Children's Center
Parent quotes

A few quotes from our parents!



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A Message from the Director

This has been a successful and adventurous year for Colusa County Office of Education – Children's Services department! With our expansion of services this year, we continue to accomplish our goals of making a difference in the lives of families and children within our community of Colusa County.

Through the ongoing efforts of our Executive and Leadership Teams, our dedicated staff, instrumental Policy Council and community members, we have truly brought the Head Start model to life in which every child, regardless of circumstances at birth; have the ability to reach their full potential. With collaboration and stellar leadership, our program continuously provides families and children access to high quality early educational programs in their earliest and most vulnerable years. Each day, we make a positive difference in the lives of children by the dedicated work and educational experiences we provide on a daily basis.

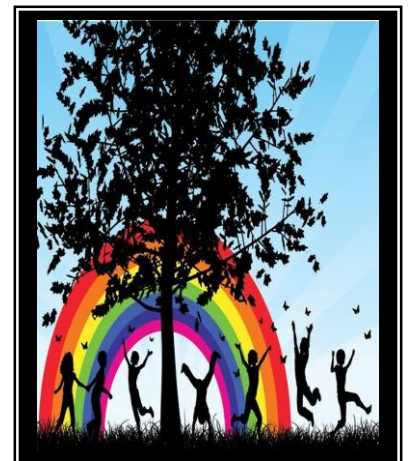
Our Head Start and State funded programs are the foundation that builds school readiness and future success. As we all know, young children today, are our future tomorrow. Investing in children is why we are committed to providing comprehensive services with excellence.

Sincerely,

Vicki Markss

Executive Director

Colusa County Office of Education - Children's Services



The History of Head Start

Head Start is one of the most important social and educational investment in our communities, children, and families. The Head Start Project was launched in 1965 as a comprehensive child development program for children from birth to five years of age. Administered by the Office of Head Start, the Head Start model provides a range of individualized services in the areas of early education, health, mental health, nutrition, special needs, and parent engagement. Over the past 52 years, it has provided opportunities for success to more than 32 million low-income and other vulnerable children and their families across the United States. Head Start programs have remained strong even with changing fiscal and political surroundings because of years of success.



Children's Services has a long tradition of providing comprehensive high quality early education throughout Colusa County. We are committed to preparing children and their families for future school success.

Our Story & What We Do

CCOE - Children's Services purpose is to prepare children and their families for future success and opportunities for lifelong learning.

We offer Early Head Start, Head Start, and State funded early care and education programs throughout Colusa County. Program options include part-day, full-day, and full-year center-based options for ages birth-5 years. Our Early Head Start program offers a weekly home visiting option for pregnant families and children up to 36 months.

We operate a state funded seasonal migrant program to meet the abundant need of our rural community. This center is conveniently located near the migrant camp and serves an additional 40 children throughout the season.

Our subsidized childcare services include Alternative Payment and CalWORKs programs. Approximately 241 children ages birth through 12 years of age received child care services offered through our Alternative Payment Program while 46 Licensed Daycare Providers received professional development and training to ensure families who are working, in school, or training receive quality care our Resource and Referral Program.

Total Number of Children served By CCOE Children's Services: Approximately 553



Our Program Philosophy

CCOE-Children's Services is dedicated to enriching the lives of all children and families through providing high quality educational programs and connecting families with individualized childcare services.

Nurturing, responsive, and consistently secure environments provide children with a foundation to achieve at their optimal levels of success.

Each child is unique and learns best through intentional instruction that is developmentally appropriate, inclusive, and provides enriched exploration, discovery, and meaningful play opportunities.

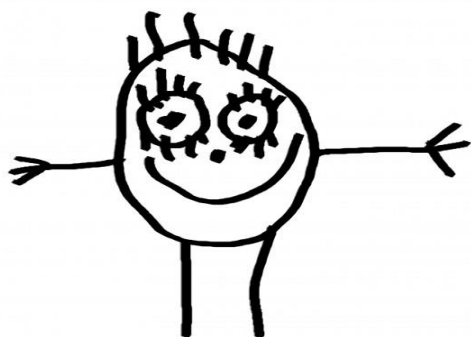
We are committed to improving excellence in Early Care and Education and childcare services. Together, in collaboration with other service-driven agencies and parents, we strive to build positive connections between home and school within our community of Colusa County.



Our Strategic Five-Year Goals 2014-2018

Goal #1:	To Promote Staff Recruitment and Staff Retention
Goal #2:	To Make Improvements to our Departmental Organization
Goal #3	To Enhance Language and Literacy Development for all Children
Goal #4	To Increase the Quality of Early Learning that Promotes School Readiness
Goal #5	To Increase Family Engagement

"This program has helped our family out so much. Not only are we able to work but we know our kids are in good hands and they are learning so much while in school benefits the whole family." Colusa Preschool Learning Center parent quote.



Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition Services

CCOE - Children's Services supports children's learning and wellness through comprehensive health and nutritional services. We ensure children receive updated physicals, immunizations, hearing, vision, and nutritional screenings and follow up as needed.

We collaborate with Colusa County Behavioral Health Department while mental health consultants provide observations and strategies that support classroom activities and individual behaviors.

Within our inclusive environments, children and families are eligible for referrals and additional support services.

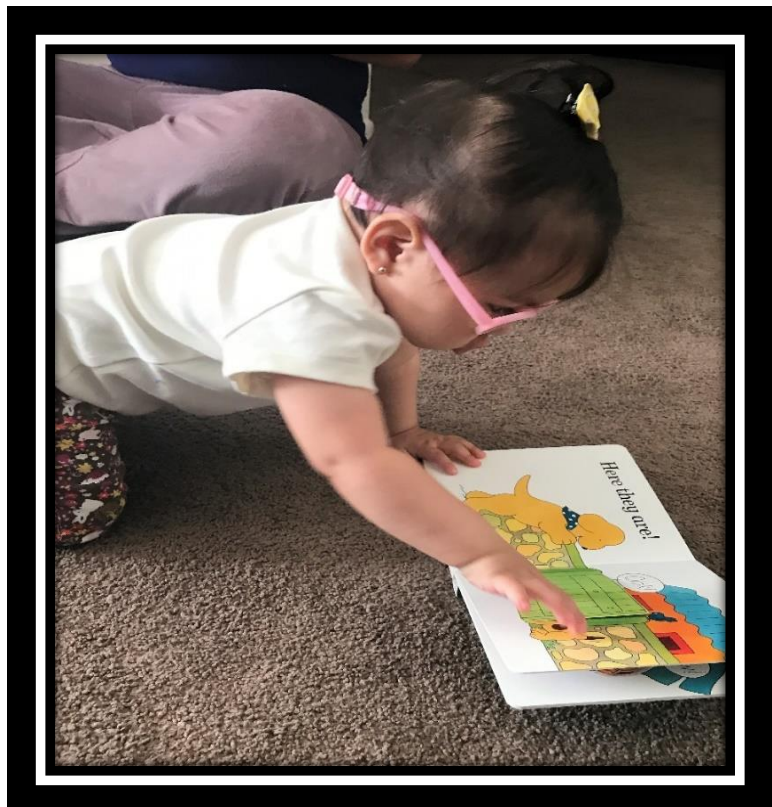
Early Head Start:

- 99% of children received medical insurance
- 100% of children found a medical home
- 100% of children found a dental home
- 80% of children were up to date on their Well Baby Exams
- 94% of children were either up to date, received all possible immunizations, or were exempt
- 100% received Vision and Hearing Screenings

EHS Home Based Educators provided services to pregnant women including:

- Prenatal & Postpartum Information
- Nutrition
- Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment
- Fetal Development
- Benefits of Breastfeeding
- Safe Sleep Practices
- Father Engagement

Early Head Start welcomed five new babies this year!



Dental Screenings are conducted in preschool classrooms by our collaborative partner,

Nancy Read, BS,
RDH, Children's Oral
Health Outreach
Coordinator, with
Northern Valley Indian
Health, at no
additional cost.



Head Start:

- 97% of children received medical insurance
- 99% of children found a medical home
- 98% of children found a dental home
- 84% of children were up to date on their Physician Exams
- 98% of children were either up to date, received all possible immunizations, or were exempt
- 94% of children received preventative dental care from a professional dentist
- 81% of children completed dental exams and 61% of children completed dental treatment follow-up



"It has helped me so that my children learn to write, colors, draw, paint, and discipline."

A parent quote from the
Early Head Start Home Based Program.

Head Start Eligibility

Eligibility for Early Head Start and Head Start programs are dependent on the following criteria:

- Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Special Needs
- Status of Foster Child
- Homelessness
- Recipient of Public Assistance

A Centralized Eligibility List is maintained and prioritized for each funded program option in Colusa County.

"This program has helped my family have a less stressful week so my husband can work and I can attend school full time. Also, it helps knowing he's in an environment where he is learning and being social with other children."

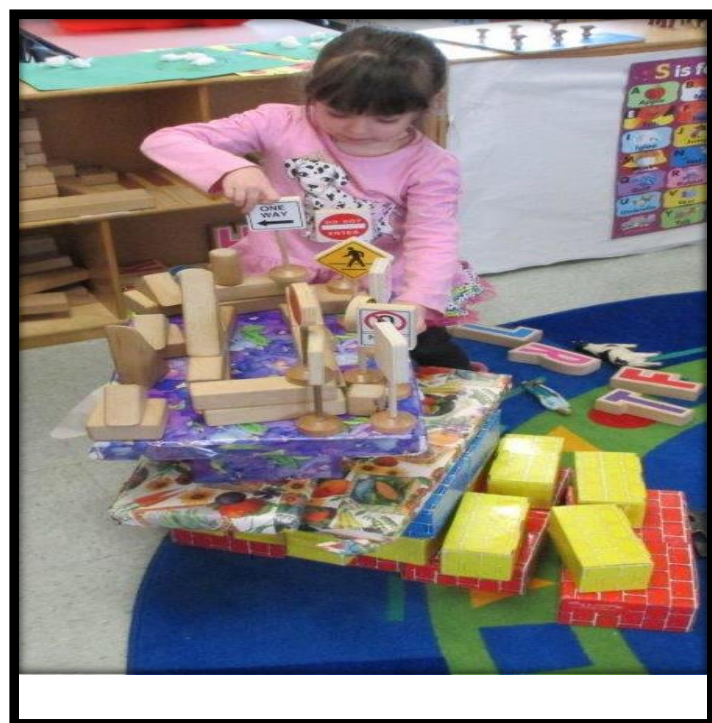
Colusa Children's Center
parent.

Enrollment and Attendance

Our program received Early Head Start/Head Start funding to provide services to 168 children. We provide services to 62 children in Early Head Start and 106 children in Head Start.

This year's cumulative total number of children served through EHS: 91 children and for HS: 121 children

17.8% of children served had an IEP or IFSP



Our Average Enrollment was 99%

Percentage of eligible children served
off, Centralized Eligibility Waitlist
90%

"I just love the interaction between the staff and the children, and my child loves to attend the program every day."

A Parent Quote: Williams Preschool Learning Center

It is the Little Things That Make a Big Difference!



Our Vision

"The vision of Children's Services is to promote quality school readiness within the earliest years in collaboration with community partners."



And Literacy for All” Initiative

CCOE began the “And Literacy for All” countywide Initiative to enhance bilingual early literacy for all children and families who reside in Colusa County at no cost.

Comprehensive early learning achievement is accelerated through Footsteps2Brilliance, a bilingual mobile literacy program that helps children become proficient readers by 3rd grade. Children are engaged through interactive books, songs, and games that can be read in either English or Spanish. Research shows parents who spend 15 minutes per day using Footsteps2Brilliance with their children, will see academic progress in vocabulary and critical thinking skills!

Collaboration with local school personnel, community business partners, and parents were included in the development of school readiness goals. Our preschool classrooms are enhanced with a 70-inch interactive screen system that includes speakers, children’s iPads, and headphones for hands on learning.



Preparing Children for Kindergarten

Children and families are prepared for success in school and throughout life. Early education and support for parents is promoted through:

- Home visits, Play Groups, and daily educational learning experiences
- Health screenings for optimal health so children can learn at their full potential
- Assessments and screenings
- Support to secure local medical and dental services
- Empowering families to be advocates for their children
- Family engagement in school activities, parent education, and meetings
- Collaboration with local school districts and Kindergarten teachers
- Visits to Elementary School and Kindergarten classrooms
- Opportunities for life-long learning

Our Approach to School Readiness

CCOE - Children's Services provides nurturing, responsive, and secure environments that presents every child the ability to achieve at their optimal level of success and to build a strong foundation.

We recognize the importance of a holistic and integrated approach and focus on each child's individual development. The Head Start Early Learning Framework focuses on essential developmental areas that include: Approaches to Learning, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Literacy, Cognition, and Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development.

We utilize intentional teaching strategies that encourage active and engaged learners.

Our program is developmentally and linguistically appropriate while being sensitive to the individual and cultural needs of all children. Acquisition of the English language is promoted as well as knowledge from their home language.

On-going observation and assessment facilitates child outcomes and meeting the individual needs of each child. Families are supported as their child's first influences and greatest advocates as we prepare children for Kindergarten and lifelong learning.

"Program has been very helpful not only allows me to work full time but helped my children learn so much!" Colusa Children's Center Preschool Program.

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Anthony Luna has learned how to use his words more clear and he's doing awesome on his name. We love this program it has been a good help with his learning. Thank you
Cassandra Muniz

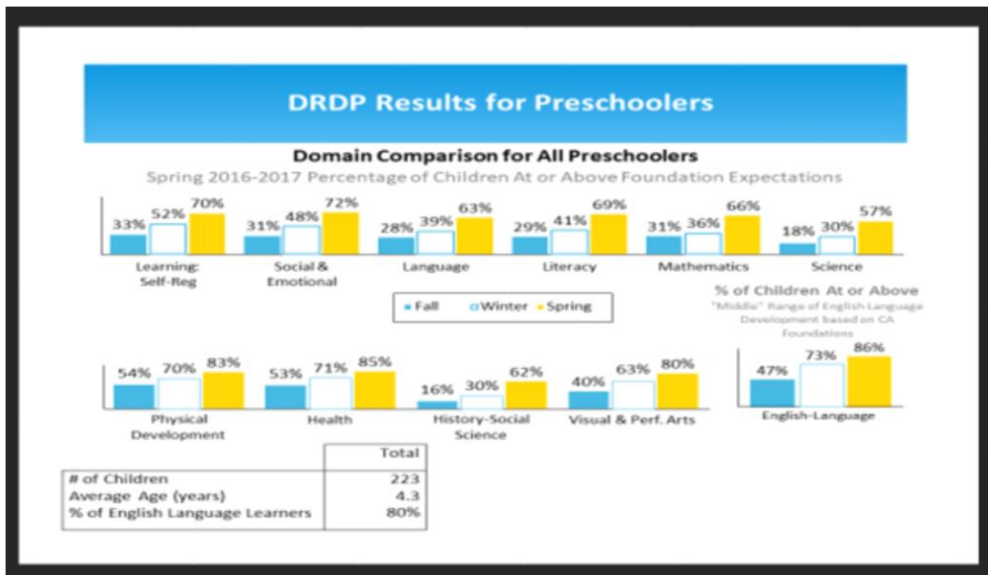
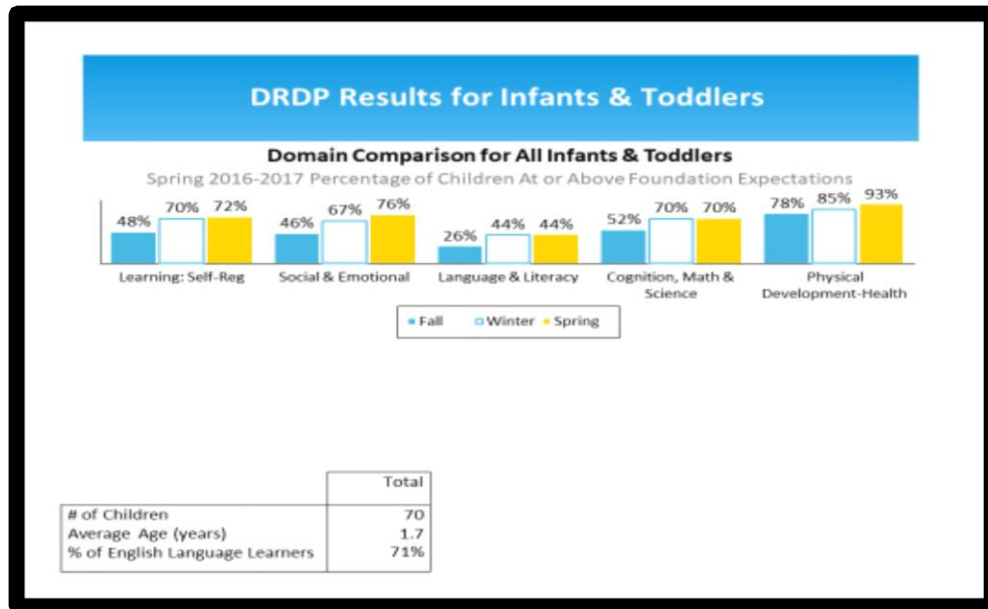
My daughter Julieta first year in headstart was wonderful she has learned so many useful stuff. When she started she didn't know how to write her name now she know how to write her name and last name most all colors and number that has been so exciting to see her grow to know so many thing in one year. Thank you to all the teachers for all your hard work and taking all your time to teach all these wonderful kids.

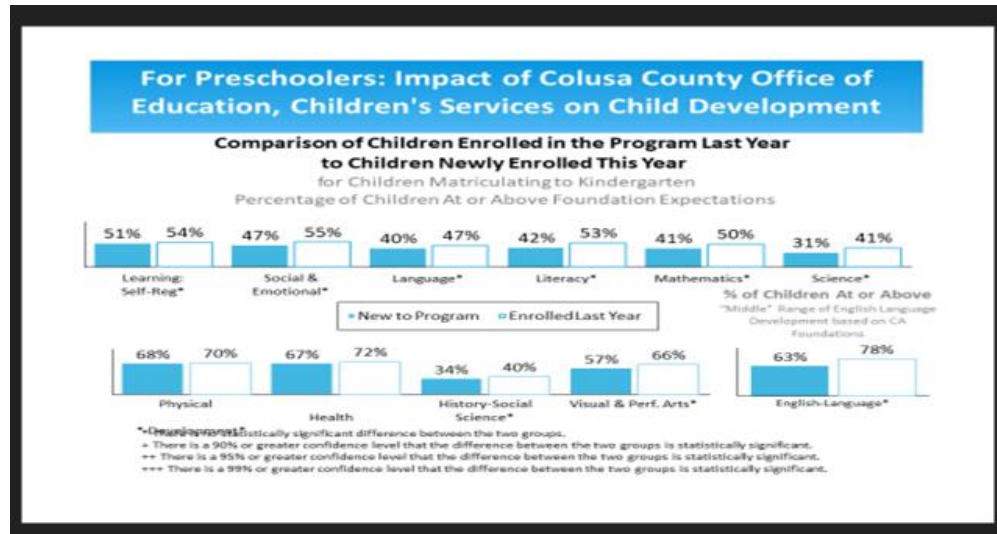
A Parent Quote from the Williams Preschool Learning Center

Achieving Developmental Outcomes for Children

Our children continue to make progress across all learning domains. We utilize research-based curriculum, the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and the California Instructional Framework and Foundations that supports all learning.

The Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) is completed three times per year in Fall, Winter, and Spring and represents significant growth at or above foundation expectations towards school readiness.





Children gain progress and Children's Services makes a positive difference!

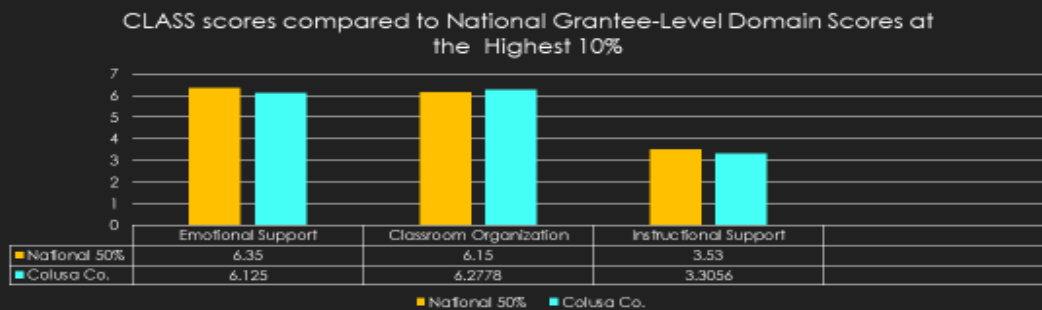


Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

CCOE – Children's Services utilizes the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool as a valid and reliable instrument that assesses teacher-child interactions, classroom quality, and is linked to positive child outcomes. The three domains of CLASS consist of Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support.

Our most recent Federal review in the area of CLASS identified our scores. The chart below displays the highest 10% of National CLASS scores and Colusa County Office of Education preschool classroom scores. We are doing great!

Head Start National Statistics compared to CCOE-Children's Services



Yo Cecilia e visto muchos progresos en pasaval por engempro es mucho mas sosiable aprendido mucho ingles a prendido a ser su nombre le gusta tener amigos y a eta tiene mas interes en los libros le gusta que le lean los libros y aprendido muchas itibidades
Cecilia Ramirez

Family Involvement and Community Engagement

Engaged families are essential to the well-being and development of young children. We see parents as a child's most important influence towards their child's success. Building a shared partnership with families gives parents opportunities to stay involved with the education of their child.

Parents collaborated with many activities and participated in the following:

- Community Guest Speakers including Local Law Enforcement, Fire Departments
- Family Fair
- Fatherhood Conference
- Food Basket
- Footsteps 2 Brilliance Literacy APP
- Goal Setting
- Harvest of the month
- Head Start Parent Conference
- Home Visits and Parent & Teacher Conferences
- Kindergarten Preparation
- Monthly Calendar Activities
- Nutrition and Education Trainings
- Open House
- Parent Orientation
- Parent Trainings: Car Seat Safety, Child Abuse Prevention, Positive Discipline
- Pedestrian Safety
- Play Groups
- Playground sidewalk painting
- Policy Council Meetings
- Transition meetings

Community Partnerships

- Alta California Regional Center
- Ampla Health
- Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC)
- Colusa County Behavioral Health
- Colusa County Child Support Services
- Colusa County Health and Human Services
- Colusa County Office of Education - Special Education
- Colusa County One-Stop
- County Branch Libraries
- County of Colusa Agencies/Departments
- Family Action Centers of Colusa County
- First 5
- Local Dental Homes
- Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC)
- School Districts
- Women infants and Children (WIC)



"Everything about the staff is amazing! very good! At this moment the teachers are doing good work with the children, very good teachers, the children are very content to come to this program." Arbuckle State Preschool Parents

CCOE-Children's Services would like to thank our Policy Council Representatives for their support and involvement in our program!



Advocating for Children during a day at the State Capitol. Our parents, Staff, and County Superintendent met with Senator Jim Nielsen.

"It's a wonderful program for all children. I believe kids need to interact with other children in order to learn and grow stronger minds. This program is excellent."
Arbuckle Head Start parent.quote.

Health and Wellness

CCOE - Children's Services understands the importance of and supports staff health and wellness throughout its department. CCOE-Children's Services values opportunities for professional development and understands that highly trained and knowledgeable staff provides improved child outcomes and family support.

CCOE - Children's Services Executive Team organizes a pre-service day to begin a new year and an in-service day mid-year for all employees. These trainings are implemented to motivate and boost morale, celebrate our program's successes and to demonstrate our appreciation for our fantastic team!



The items distributed include but are not limited to: Tri County Schools Insurance Group (TCSIG) Wellness Newsletter, North Valley School Insurance Group Wellness Newsletter, North Valley School Insurance Group Safety Newsletter, TCSIG and Delta TeamCare Walk Across America Challenge, Free Annual Health Evaluations (for TCSIG Members). Many events sponsored by our community partners promote staff wellness and are shared with all staff.

Head Start Budgetary Expenditures

Head Start:			Head Start T & TA:		
Basic Grant	\$1,210,822		Training Grant	\$ 24,025	
Certificated		\$259,070	Direct Services		\$22,453
Classified		\$364,578	Indirect		\$1,572
Benefits		\$183,117			
Supplies		\$74,401			
Services		\$162,504			
Land Improvements		\$35,694			
Equipment		\$57,303			
Indirect		\$74,155			
Total	\$1,210,822	\$1,210,822	Total	\$ 24,025	\$24,025
Early Head Start:			Early Head Start T & TA (PA 21)		
Basic Grant	\$642,298		Training Grant	\$15,768	
Certificated		\$175,271	Direct Services		\$14,731
Classified		\$227,220	Indirect		\$1,032
Benefits		\$113,742			
Supplies		\$25,691			
Services		\$56,759			
Equipment		\$210			
Indirect		\$43,405			
Total	\$ 642,298	\$642,298	Total	\$15,768	\$15,768

Total Amounts of Public and Private funds received

Head Start & T/TA	\$ 1,234,847.00
Early Head Start & T/TA	\$ 658,066.00
Child and Adult Food Program	\$ 197,153.00
General Child Care	\$ 453,884.00
State Preschool	\$ 914,315.00
CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care	\$ 39,071.00
QRIS	\$ 96,000.00
AB212	\$ 12,259.00

"Couldn't ask for a better place for my son to go here he learns so much and enjoys going. He has structure and stimulation (not over) that he needed to help his development. Teachers are organized and pay attention to each child."

Arbuckle Children's Center Parents.

Proposed Head Start Budget for fiscal year: 2017-2018

Early Head Start and Head Start 2017-2018	
Personnel	\$ 1,095,207.00
Benefits	\$ 350,780.00
Travel	\$ 9,348.00
Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
Supplies	\$ 91,036.00
Contractual	\$ 88,757.00
Construction	\$ -
Other	\$ 216,741.00
Indirect	\$ 126,728.00
Total	\$ 1,993,597.00

*Amounts reflect services for 106 Head Start and 62 Early Head Start children and families.

Results of Our Most Recent Monitoring Reviews

Our most recent federal review from the Office of Head Start was an onsite CLASS review in The Office of Head Start conducted federal reviews during the year and were found to be in compliance in the areas of:

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)
- Fiscal Integrity and Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA)

March of 2017. The review conducted utilized The Pre-K Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool in the preschool classrooms. The CLASS tool assesses three domains and ten dimensions of teacher-child interactions. Results from the onsite CLASS review have shown Children's Services scores were above the median (50%) of National statistics in all three domains. In addition, Classroom Organization scored in the highest 10% Nationwide.

"My daughter has more confidence in herself. It has helped me a lot with information. I'm very content with this program." Colusa Head Start parent.

"I am so grateful for program especially the great staff they have done an excellent job teaching my daughter." "I am very satisfied with this program and with the staff." Williams Children's Center parents.

Meet Our Executive Team



As pictured from left to right:

Heather Rogers - Division Directors of Education
Dolores Gomez - Division Director of Support Services
Vicki Markess - Executive Director
Julie Rivera - Administrative Program Specialist
Rosa Talamantes - Program Accounting Specialist

Leadership Team Members:

Alma Villasenor - Enrollment Manager
Dolores Gomez - Division Director of Support Services
Heather Rogers - Division Directors of Education
Irma F. Roque - Health Specialist
Julie Rivera - Administrative Program Specialist
Lydia Medina - Family Engagement Coordinator
Margaret Harlow - Food Services Supervisor
Rosa Talamantes - Program Accounting Specialist
Sarah Koskondy Area Manager of Education
Sylvia, Navarro - Area Manager of Education
Teia Miller - Local Child Care and Planning Council Coordinator
Addie Vierra (Interim while vacant) - Special Needs Coordinator
Vicki Markess - Executive Director